

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council was called to order by Mayor Martin on June 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Huffman, Wickstrom and Withhart.

Councilmember Quigley was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Schwerm noted a revised motion sheet on a consent agenda item No. 10, Developer Escrow Reduction. There is also a revised motion sheet for item No. 19 on the agenda regarding weed abatements. Only one weed abatement matter still needs to be resolved.

Councilmember Wickstrom suggested that item No. 15 be moved ahead of item No. 13 on the agenda, as it will likely not take much time.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to approve the June 21, 2010 agenda with the changes noted by City Manager Schwerm.

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Martin announced August 3, 2010 as "Night to Unite," formerly called National Night Out and read the proclamation received from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Martin:

The upcoming Concert in the Commons Series on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, will be the American Flyer Band with music from the 1950s and 1960s. All are welcome.

The City Council will not meet July 6, 2010. The next regular Council meeting will be July 19, 2010.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

The Farmer's Market will begin Tuesday, July 6, 2010, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Martin will be serving berry treats.

The Shoreview Green Community meeting on July 7, 2010, will feature Lewis Asher as speaker on clean renewable energy, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Councilmember Withhart:

The *Slice of Shoreview* will be July 23-25, 2010.

Last Wednesday at the band concert grant awards were announced from the Shoreview Community Foundation to Mounds View Community Education and Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band.

Mayor Martin added that the band would be hosting a band festival with three other community bands on Sunday afternoon, July 18, 2010, at the Community Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Martin noted in the June 7 Council Meeting minutes, on page 12, the fifth sentence of Councilmember Huffman's comment regarding the minor subdivision at 221 Owasso Boulevard, it should state that GMHC will own each house until it is sold to a buyer.

Councilmember Huffman also noted that one of the items being approved is submittal of a LCDA grant application in the amount of \$1.2 million for redevelopment of Midland Terrace.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt the consent agenda of June 21, 2010, approving the necessary motions and resolutions:

1. June 7, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes, as amended
2. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:
 - Economic Development Authority, May 10, 2010
 - Human Rights Commission, May 25, 2010
3. Monthly Reports:
 - Administration
 - Community Development
 - Finance
 - Public Works
 - Park and Recreation
4. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$725,579.87
5. Purchases
6. Resolution Appointing Election Judges for August 10, 2010 Primary Election
7. Approval of Application for Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License and Lawful Gambling Permit - St. Odilia Catholic Church
8. Declaration of Intent to Bond - 2010 Projects
9. Establish Project and Order Feasibility Report - Hamline Avenue, CP 11-01
10. Developer Escrow Reduction
11. Authorize Purchase of Maintenance Center Furniture
12. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of LCDA Grant Application
13. Approval of Fireworks Application - *Slice of Shoreview*
14. Approval of Purchase of Card Access & Video Security System - Maintenance Center
15. Approval of Revisions to Employee Handbook

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTION GIVING HOST APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD FOR SHOREVIEW-BASED ECUMEN

Presentation by Asst. City Manager/Community Development Director Tom Simonson

Ecumen is a Shoreview-based non-profit organization specializing in senior housing and senior services. Ecumen is proposing a new senior housing project in Maplewood. As part of that financing, the headquarters facility in Shoreview would be refinanced. The law requires that tax-exempt bonds issued in one municipality with proceeds used to finance a facility in another municipality requires that the "host city" hold a public hearing to approve issuance of the bonds. There are no costs, financial risks, obligations or liabilities to the City. Per Minnesota law, all documents, including the bonds, will state that the City has no obligations and cannot be compelled to use its taxing powers for repayment. Also, there is no impact on the City's credit rating.

The City has approved similar actions for other non-profits--Northwest YMCA, Presbyterian Homes and Twin City Christian Homes. Staff is recommending approval.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

There were no comments or questions.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to close the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt Resolution No. 10-50, granting host city consent to the issuance of revenue bonds by the City of Maplewood on behalf of Ecumen for the purpose of financing projects including refinancing of the Ecumen Corporate Headquarters at 3530 Lexington Avenue North in Shoreview.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Huffman, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin
Nays: None

NPDES DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND PUBLIC HEARING

Presentation by Assistant City Engineer Tom Wesolowski

The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a program enacted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate storm water discharge and improve water quality. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) issues the permit for the required City Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

The required annual report for 2009 is different from previous years in that the EPA will use it to assist with reporting requirements to Congress on storm water programs nationally. Outcomes of Shoreview's SWPPP include fertilizer reduction, indicators used to measure effectiveness of storm water quality. The City is committed to meet NPDES targets and has long implemented direct discharge elimination. Public education targets reduction of specific pollutants.

One area the City needs to consider is an illicit discharge elimination program to remove improperly stored salt or maintained oil/grit separator. This program is partially in place but has not been totally implemented due to staff and budget constraints.

The report also included an evaluation of the City's storm water program. The watershed districts have the staff and expertise for that work and have been authorized by the state for that responsibility.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. There were no comments or questions.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

Councilmember Wickstrom asked if any items need to be addressed regarding storm water management for municipal operations. Mr. Wesolowski stated that storm water pollution prevention plans do not exist for all small projects, but protection and preventative education is emphasized.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to direct the Public Works Director to submit the final NPDES Phase II Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program 2009 Annual Report to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency reflecting the receipt of any comments from the Public Hearing held on June 21, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Wickstrom, Withhart, Huffman, Martin
Nays: None

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEMS RELATING TO RELOCATION AND RESTORATION OF GUERIN GAS STATION

- A. Authorization to Execute Professional Services Contract**
- B. Authorization to Submit a Legacy Grant Application**

Presentation by City Planner Kathleen Nordine

The Guerin Gas Station was constructed in the 1920s. It was donated to the Shoreview Historical Society and is being stored on the City's Maintenance Center property. A restoration and relocation project has been discussed with the Shoreview Historical Society, which would include an appropriate site for historical display and interpretation. A services agreement with Claybaugh Preservation Architecture is proposed for research, evaluation of the building condition and scope of restoration, evaluation of potential sites, interpretive themes and project costs. The service contract cost is \$13,830 to be funded through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Authorization is also requested for submission of an application to the Minnesota Historical Society for a historical preservation grant that could fund up to \$7,000 of this project. However, in order to receive the grant, the building must meet certain criteria, such as qualify for the Historical Register and be located in or near its original location.

Mr. Dave Guerin, 5635 Turtle Lake Road, suggested soliciting at least one more cost estimate. He would not want to see the project abandoned due to cost. He suggested partnership with local businesses for the construction work. Ms. Nordine explained that the architect contract is for preliminary work, not construction work. Mr. Schwerm added that staff did review other estimates and believes the Claybaugh firm would be the most cost effective. The firm has specific expertise with historical buildings and can help identify a location that would meet the grant criteria.

Councilmember Wickstrom agreed that the cost is high for research work. Mr. Guerin and the Shoreview Historical Society have a lot of information, and two sites have already been identified.

Councilmember Huffman agreed and stated that if this is the cost for preliminary work, he is concerned the actual work will be in the cost range of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Councilmember Withhart stated that this cost does not purchase property or achieve renovation. He suggested not partnering with the Minnesota Historical Society. The City has a wealth of information and could move forward with the project without further research. He would prefer to see the service contract cost closer to the amount of the grant proposal of \$7,000.

Mayor Martin stated that she supports the planning process with a service contract to be sure the project is done right. However, she would prefer an estimate that does not include so much research but actual site and building planning. She would like the Shoreview Historical Society to indicate their specific role in this project and the research that can be provided locally. Mr. Schwerm suggested holding off to see if the service agreement can be renegotiated to a lower cost with less research.

Ms. Lucinda Slayton, Shoreview Historical Society member, agreed with the concern about cost. She believes all the history is available. There are good workers in the area. She is not interested in Texaco history but history of the Guerin family and how they impacted the City of Shoreview. She agreed with delaying this decision to see how much of the work can be done locally.

It was the consensus of the Council to delay a decision on a services contract for the project. Mayor Martin stated that this matter would again be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

WEED ABATEMENTS - 1783 OAKWOOD DRIVE

Presentation by City Planner Kathleen Nordine

Notice was sent to the property owner June 15, 2010, regarding the nuisance of tall grasses, weeds and vegetative growth. Compliance was requested by June 21, 2010, with public hearing for abatement on the same date with authorization to continue to monitor the property through

2011. Staff has determined that the property is not in compliance. Abatement costs are charged to the property owner. If not paid, the costs are certified to property taxes.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing. There were no comments or questions.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adopt Resolution No. 10-53, pursuant to Section 210.020(A), approving the abatement of vegetative growth for the property located at 1783 Oakwood Drive, and to charge the property owner for the cost of the abatement, including administrative costs. The City Manager is authorized to monitor the property throughout the 2010 and 2011 growing seasons and to abate any vegetative growth on the property that does not comply with City regulations.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Withhart, Huffman, Wickstrom, Martin
Nays: None

Mayor Martin noted that she received complaints on two properties that were listed for an abatement hearing. This process is working well in that the City notice is prompting compliance so the City does not have to take action.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. on June 21, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 19th DAY OF JULY 2010.

Terry C. Schwerm
City Manager